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THE SOVIET EXHIBITION IN HAVANA

- I. Moscow is moving to extract the maximum propaganda and political benefit from its exhibition in Havana, opening 30 January.
 - A. As in Mexico, Mikoyan is scheduled to open it.
 - B. Prominent Soviet artists will be on hand; a two-week run of Soviet films planned.
 - C. Soviet team will include about 80 officials and technicians.
 - D. First shipments of equipment to have arrived indicate that exhibition, only part of which appeared in NY and Mexico City, is being especially tailored to Cuban tastes.
- II. Mikoyan will also no doubt be prepared to discuss resumption of diplomatic relations.
 - A. Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico City are maintaining close contact, probably laying groundwork for renewing relations, broken off in 1952.
 - B. In an interview on 31 December with a Latin American journalist Khrushchev issued a broad invitation to all Latin countries for diplomatic ties.
 - C. As the USSR's economic advance-man, Mikoyan will also press for expanding economic contacts and probably formally conclude the agreement for a Soviet credit of \$5 to \$6 million to finance purchase of Soviet agricultural machinery.

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